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WTB SEEKS COMMENT ON E911 PHASE II WAIVER REQUEST FILED BY CORR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

(CC DOCKET 94-102)

Comments Due: July 26, 2001

Reply Comments Due: August 6, 2001

The Federal Communications Commission's (Commission's) E911 Phase II rules require wireless carriers to provide the precise location of wireless 911 calls to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), a technological capability known as Automatic Location Information (ALI).¹ The rules permit wireless carriers to "phase-in" either a network-based or handset-based ALI technology.² Handset-based solutions may be gradually phased in beginning October 1, 2001. Carriers employing network solutions are required to provide Phase II service to 50% of the PSAP's coverage area or population on October 1, 2001 or within 6 months of a PSAP request, whichever is later, and 100% of the PSAP's coverage area or population within a year thereafter.³

On June 22, 2001, Corr Wireless Communications, LLC (Corr) filed a petition requesting a temporary waiver of the Commission's Phase II rules to permit the carrier to deploy its network solution in conformity with its proposed graduated implementation schedule. Corr indicates that the Commission's six-month implementation deadline applicable to network-based solutions has been triggered by recent PSAP requests in its service area. According to Corr, the network solution is prohibitively expensive and a graduated implementation schedule is warranted to ease the economic burden on the carrier.

Corr indicates that it is a small rural CMRS carrier with less than 21,000 subscribers, and it will not have the revenue to make up for the dramatic costs associated with implementing the network solution. In addition, Corr claims that it will not be able to raise its rates to cover these costs due to market realities and because it has a small pool of customers from which to draw.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 20.18. See Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems, CC Docket No. 94-102, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 11 FCC Rcd 18676 (1996).

² 47 C.F.R. § 20.18(e)-(h).

³ See Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems, DA 01-1187; released May 10, 2001.

According to Corr, the technology alternative, a handset solution, is unavailable because the carrier's Lucent Technologies TDMA-based network will not support a handset solution.

Under Corr's proposed schedule, it will immediately order and install the switch-related infrastructure necessary to provide Phase II service. Thereafter, Corr proposes to provide service to the top 35% (measured by demand for 911 service) of the cell sites of any requesting jurisdiction within 9 months of receiving a request, and 50% and 75% of cell sites within 12 months and 18 months, respectively.

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau seeks comment on this waiver request. Parties interested in filing comments may submit their comments on or before **July 26, 2001** and reply comments on or before **August 6, 2001**.

This is a "permit but disclose" proceeding pursuant to § 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules.⁴ Presentations to or from Commission decision-making personnel are permissible provided that *ex parte* presentations are disclosed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the docket number of this proceeding. Parties that choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, and a diskette copy with the Commission's copy contractor International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), Room CY-B400, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing should include the docket number of this proceeding: CC Docket No. 94-102. Filings and comments are also available for inspection and copying during regular business hours in the Reference Information Center, Federal Communications Commission, Court Yard Level, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. or may be purchased from ITS.

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.